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Infant Language Development

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Do you want your baby to become an intelligent talker? Then you must take the initiative. Before you know what to do, get informed about certain things. These are:

Children normally have more understanding of language and they are generally more expressive than the adults

Girls normally develop communication skills faster than the boys

When it reaches the age of 7 days, then an infant can distinguish her mother's voice from the others

When it becomes 2 weeks old then it starts recognizing its father's voice

You can get to hear few consonant sounds and vowel sounds from the infant at the age of 6 to 8 months

The infant begins responding to commands at 6 to 8 months when it attaches names to individuals

From this growth rate chart this becomes clear that parents should start talking to their babies as soon as he or she is born. If you are a quiet mother or if you feel that you should not talk to the babies since they could not understand what you are saying then this is a very wrong notion. You must always chat with your baby so that he or she starts talking early. This is because babies learn talking by hearing what parents say to him or her. The more you parents use the same words, phrases to communicate with the baby the more quickly it will gather the knowledge of language. Often it is seen that parents become concerned over the child's slow development of speech, as children grow slowly from infancy to early childhood. But it is not right to compare your child's language development to other children's language development. If you really feel that your child is having a problem in either receptive or expressive language, then immediately discuss it with the pediatrician and get professional help.

In this respect some points are worth mentioning. These are when a baby is about nine months old he

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should be able to understand simple words and commands and perhaps be able to speak some words. Moreover you will understand that a baby is able to say much less than the amount what he understands. In fact this is the case that continues throughout our life. In the case of an infant his or her skill on listening or reading a language begins through constant and continual repetition of words or phrases and structures, and this effects in time his or her speaking or writing. The improvement of the speaking and the writing skill depends directly on the listening and reading skills of the infant. This proves the necessity of the parents creating ample opportunities so that the children can listen to their talking.

Another way to help in letting your child improve his or her language skill is that you should read to the children as and when possible. This leads to significant growth of the child's language skill. If the parents spend quality time reading out to children or teaching children rhymes and songs then it will reflect in their language development. Research has shown a child who is exposed to hearing parents

reading books or singing songs for quality time learns to talk faster than the children who are deprived of this opportunity.

When a child is a bit grown up then mothers should take the responsibility of teaching him or her nursery rhymes. According to experts, the knowledge of nursery rhymes among the toddlers is a significant predictor of the child's reading skill later on.

So, now all the young parents start talking to your kids immediately. Remember, this will make your child cleverer than the others.

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Breastfeeding Your Child

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Breastfeeding refers to the process by which a mother feeds her infant with milk directly from her breasts. Assuming the mother does not have certain illnesses, breast milk is widely believed to be the most beneficial for feeding young infants. It is even said that breastfeeding can strengthen the bond between mother and child. Still, some mothers choose not to participate in breastfeeding their infants and opt for store bought formula instead.

There are a number of benefits, which result from breastfeeding for infants. Among them, immediate milk that does not have to be heated as it is already at body temperature. In addition, some experts

believe that breastfeeding decreases the risk of certain ailments, while increasing the healthy development of teeth and gums.

Along with the infant, there are positive results that stem from breastfeeding for the mother. Among them, a nurturing feeling toward her infant, a quicker return to the mom's pre-birth weight and may help to prevent certain illnesses later on in life.

Often, the infant may refuse breastfeeding at first for a variety of reasons. Normally, these can be determined and corrected with proper instruction from a physician. These may be occurrences that go away by themselves or it may be an indication of an infant that has certain medical conditions that prevent them from feeding properly.

Mothers who have certain medical conditions or are taking certain medications should not participate in breastfeeding her infant. The reason is because either the illness or the medication itself may be transmitted to the infant during this time, which can be very harmful to him/her. For this reason, the mother must inform her doctor about any medications or ailments that she currently has prior to beginning to breastfeed her child.

Many new mothers do not realize it, but breastfeeding may cause soreness and even bruising. This is not unnatural, but can be a sign of improper positioning. These instances will usually clear themselves up, but should be checked by a physician just to be safe.

This article is to be used for informational purposes only. The information contained herein is not intended to be used in place of, or in conjunction with, professional medical advice or recommendations for or against breastfeeding. Before deciding to breastfeed their child, the new mother must consult a licensed medical doctor in order to determine the best course of action for his/her individual situation and the safe feeding of her child.

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